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SUBJECT: AID SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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1. IF YOU THINK USEFUL, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REITERATE USG WILLINGNESS TO FUND UP TO 100 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN USA, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF PROJECT AND SIGNING OF PROJECT AGREEMENT. YOU MAY SAY THAT IF SARG IS NOT NOW INTERESTED IN THIS OFFER WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER MAKING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PREPARATION FOR SYRIAN CANDIDATES FOR EVENTUAL GRADUATE STUDIES IN US. THIS TRAINING COULD BE EITHER AT AUB OR IN US.

2. FYI: IF SYRIAN DOCTORAL CANDIDATES WERE BROUGHT TO US FOR LANGUAGE TRAINING AND THEN EITHER THROUGH POOR LANGUAGE FACILITY OR OTHER ACADEMIC REASONS COULD NOT BE PLACED
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IN US UNIVERSITY AND WOULD HAVE TO BE SENT HOME, SARG COULD

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INTERPRET THIS AS NEGATIVE POLITICAL ACT. TO AVOID THESE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WOULD NEED TO PRE-SELECT CANDIDATES BASED ON ACADEMIC CRITERIA AS WELL AS LANGUAGE APTITUDE. ALTERNATIVELY, COULD CONDUCT ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING AT AUB, WHERE WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY THOSE WHO CAN ACQUIRE

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE FACILITY NECESSARY TO US GRADUATE LEVEL WORK AND WHO HAVE OTHER ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS NEEDED FOR PLACEMENT IN US UNIVERSITIES. END FYI. KISSINGER

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